



# HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mr. Tom Wheeler, Chairman

Federal Communications Commission

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RE: FCC MB Docket No. 15-149

Charter Communications/Time Warner Cable/Bright House Networks

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I am currently serving as the Vice President of the Hacienda-La Puente Unified School District,\* which provides public school education to over 22,000 students in the cities of Industry and La Puente and the unincorporated Los Angeles County areas of Hacienda Heights and Valinda. In addition to our district's tremendous ethnic diversity, our district also faces tremendous economic diversity, which has become more common in our region.

With our state's adoption of the Common Core standards, it is becoming increasingly important that our students be able to navigate modern technology, which can be challenging for families with limited economic means. As a former Elementary School principal, I have come to believe that in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, our families - at all generational levels - need to have access to affordable and reliable broadband services.

I believe that New Charter will deliver this vital access. I was particularly pleased to learn about New Charter's low-income broadband program, which I understand will be adopted from Bright House Networks, providing qualified customers fast, broadband speeds at a reduced rate. With 60 mbps speed, New Charter's broadband will be faster than any of its competitors. This is exactly what my constituents need and I look forward to new Charter's roll-out of this program.

The San Gabriel Valley communities that I serve also celebrate their tremendous ethnic diversity. Our school district in particular serves large Asian-American and Latino populations. I understand that New Charter has agreed to place a strong emphasis on multi-cultural, multi-ethnic programming. I am glad that New Charter is looking expand its channel line-up in such a way that reflects the ethnic diversity of the State of California.

For these reasons, I am looking forward to New Charter's impact on the San Gabriel Valley and the State of California and I urge you to approve the proposed merger.

Sincerely,

Penny Fraumeni

Vice President, Hacienda La Puente Unified School District \*

Vision Statement:

The Hacienda La Puente Unified School District is a community committed to developing lifelong learners who value themselves and the diversity of all people; apply decision-making skills leading to responsible actions; and use creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving in meeting the challenges of a changing society.